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**SERVICES**

Sunday Bible Study 9:45am  
Morning Worship 10:45 am  
Evening Worship 6:00 pm  
Wed. Bible Study 7:00 pm

**WEB PAGE**

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**MISSIONS**

-Jerry Sturgill  
**Tri-state area**  
-Daniel Goshom  
**Peru, SA**  
-Dustin Bolks  
**Sioux Center, Ia.**  
-Dahn Ramkelawan  
**Suriname, SA**  
-Michael Mayo  
**Thailand, SE Asia**  
-Herman Joseph  
**Guyana, SA**  
-Mohamed Ally  
**Guyana, SA**  
-D.J. Hatfield  
**WVSOP support**  
-*"In Search of the Lord's Way"* TV broadcast

**SEARCH TV**

Sundays 7:30 am (on Fox)

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**TRUTH SHALL  
SPRING OUT  
OF THE EARTH;**

**— AND —**

**RIGHTEOUSNESS  
SHALL LOOK  
DOWN FROM  
HEAVEN.**

**PSALM 85:11, KJV**

**We offer FREE: 4 Bible correspondence course series by mail: an 8 lesson series by Hurt, a 6 lesson series "Acts Of The Apostles" by Pharr, the "Studies In The Bible" 30 lesson series, and the 20 lesson series "Getting To Know Jesus" by Pharr. Let everyone know!**

## Sacrificing for the Imperishable Crown

To the Christians in Corinth, Paul wrote:

Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may obtain *it*. And everyone who competes *for the prize* is temperate in all things. Now they *do it* to obtain a perishable crown, but we *for an imperishable crown*. Therefore I run thus: not with uncertainty. Thus I fight: not as *one who* beats the air. But I discipline my body and bring *it* into subjection, lest, when I have preached to others, I myself should become disqualified. ( 1 Cor. 9:24-27.)

Paul used the metaphor of athletic competition to convey the concept of giving up liberties and making sacrifices for the salvation of souls, including his own.

Those in Corinth would have been familiar with the metaphor. The Isthmian Games were an ancient Greek sporting event held every two years in the Isthmus of Corinth. The games were held in honor of Poseidon, the god of the sea, and were one of the four Panhellenic Games, along with the Olympic, Pythian, and Nemean Games. The Isthmian Games were first held in 582 BC and continued until the 4th century AD. They were similar to the Olympic Games in that they featured a variety of athletic events, such as running, wrestling, boxing, and chariot racing. The victors of the Isthmian Games were awarded a wreath of pine or wild celery and also honored with statues and poems.

Paul referred to the victor's wreath that awaits Christians. In contrast to the wreath the winning athletes received which wilted, the crown the Christian will wear is eternal. That being the case, how much more then should Christians give effort to obtaining the imperishable crown? Bodily exercise pales in comparison to the rewards godliness provides (1 Tim. 4:8). Paul was not going out for a morning jog, meandering wherever different paths might take him. No, his run was purposeful. He was running the Christian marathon toward the finish line (Acts 20:24; Gal. 2:2; 5:7; Phil. 2:16; 2 Tim. 4:7). He pressed toward the goal (Phil. 3:14). He was not shadow boxing. He was in the fight of his life—the good fight of faith (1 Tim. 6:12). All Christians, even Paul, must exercise self-discipline to strive for the goal of eternal life.

Paul's crown was not only the salvation of his own soul (2 Tim. 4:8), but also the souls he had won to Christ. Paul spoke of his converts to Christ as his joy and crown (Phil. 4:1; cf. Acts 16:11-40). He looked forward to presenting them to the Lord Jesus Christ on the final day. He made some converts to Christ at Thessalonica (Acts 17:1-4) To them he wrote, "For what *is* our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? *Is it* not even you in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at His coming? For you are our glory and joy" (1 Thess. 2:19-20).

In a world that so often focuses on individual rights, we desperately need to consider the message Paul is conveying in 1 Corinthians 9. He was willing to give up whatever rights he had in order to win people to Christ so that their souls would be saved (1 Cor. 9:19-23). Instead of complaining about our rights, let us focus on our responsibilities. Let us strive to master ourselves and be willing to make sacrifices so that souls will be saved. Members of the body of Christ must work together for the good of the whole (1 Cor. 12:12). Eternal souls hang in the balance.

-Mark Day

# News & Notes

**Scripture Reading:** Mason Morris  
Hebrews 4:14-16

**14-** Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession.

**15-** For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin.

**16-** Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.



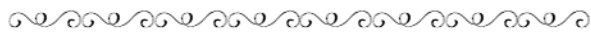
## Devotional Book

Mark Day is planning on assembling a devotional book to be distributed with an included Bible-reading plan for 2024. We need as many members as possible to write a devotional (or a few devotionals) of 300-500 words in length. These are to be on biblical topics that help encourage us in our Christian walk. Feel free to use personal experiences that help illustrate the lessons you are relating from God's word. This will be a way to get to know one another better and build one another up as members of God's family here at Flatwoods. Please send these to Mark Day in a digital format (preferably in Word) by April 2, 2023. Thank you.

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**Ecclesiastes 12:13** *Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God and keep His commandments, For this is man's all.*

<b>Attendance &amp; Contribution Goals</b>			
	<u>02/05/23</u>	<u>Goal</u>	<u>02/06/22</u>
<b>Bible Study</b>	72	90	67
<b>AM Worship</b>	118	130	105
<b>PM Worship</b>	78	90	71
<b>Mid Week</b>	69	90	65
<b>Contribution:</b>	\$5977.00	\$6000.00	\$6215.00



## **Dates To Remember**

**Feb 19-** elders/deacons/preacher meet 4:30p

**Feb 24-26-** CYC, Pigeon Forge, Tennessee  
see Mark Day for details

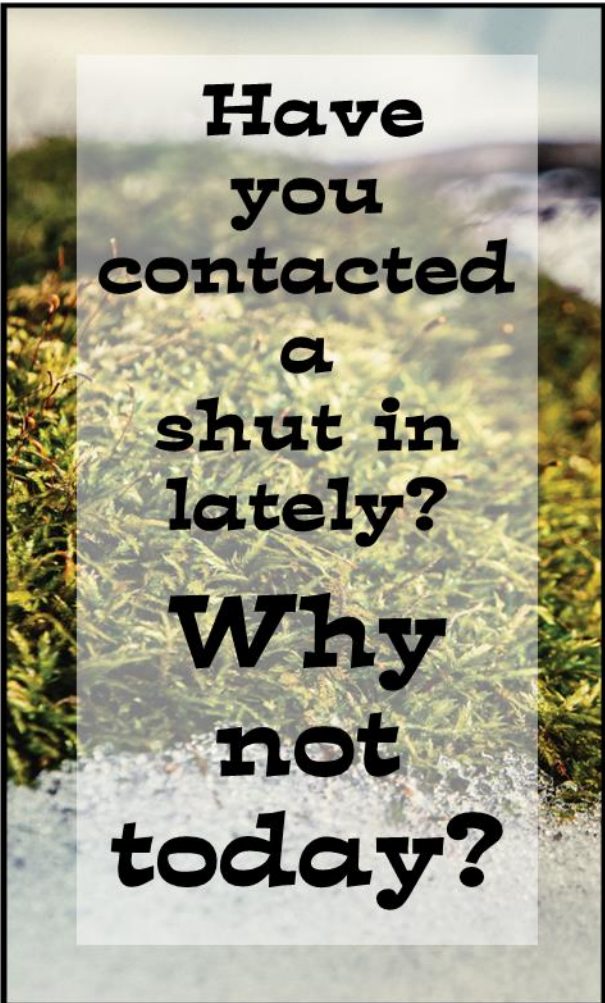
**Mar 14-** Ladies Book study-annex- 6:30p

**Apr 23-26-** Gospel Meeting with Greg  
Dismuke

**Jul 24-28-** Vacation Bible School

**Sep 15-17-** Evangelism seminar with Allen  
Webster

**Oct 13-15-** Gospel Meeting with Michael  
Mayo



## ☞ Today's Servants ☜

### **WELCOME:**

**AM/PM:** Greg Hall

### **SONG LEADER:**

**AM:** Nathan Adkins

**PM:** Jeremiah Smith

### **FIRST PRAYER:**

**AM:** Mark Parks

**PM:** Ranie Wohnhas

### **LORD'S TABLE\*:**

**Presiding AM:** Chris Legg

**Assisting:** JC Hughes,  
Chris Scott, Tanner Adkins,  
Blake Hem, Luke Wallace,  
Jacob Martin, Ernie Perry

**Presiding PM:** Brad Morris

**Assisting:** John Gambill  
\*gluten-free bread

### **SCRIPTURE READING:**

**PM:** Mason Morris

### **CLOSING PRAYER:**

**AM:** Jacob Brown

**PM:** David Morckel

## ☞ Wednesday Servants ☜

**WELCOME:** Greg Hall

**SONG LEADER:** Braydon Snell

**PRAYER:** JC Hughes

**DEVOTION:** Ranie Wohnhas

## ☞ Weekly Servants ☜

**LIVE STREAM:** Nathan Parks

**POWER POINT:** Braydon Snell

**BLDG. ATT.:** Mark Day

**COORDINATOR:** J.C. Hughes

**ATTENDANCE:** John Gambill

## \*\*\* Youth Notes \*\*\*

\*\*\*Sundays\*\*\*

**Pew Packers**

**5:45pm**

**in front of the  
auditorium-**

**geared to 12 & under  
but everyone is welcome**

\*\*\*Feb 24-26\*\*\*

**CYC**

**in Pigeon Forge, TN**



## Welcome, Visitor!

**We are so pleased to have you as  
our guest today.**

If you are a first-time visitor with us, please, fill out a 'visitor card' that you will find on the back of the pew. You may put it in the collection box or give it to one of the men at the auditorium doors as you exit.

We have tract racks on the wall in the foyer with free tracts and literature. We also have Bible correspondence courses you can sign up to receive by mail at no cost to you. Let our preacher know if you would like to set up an in-home Bible study. Thank you for attending.

*We hope to see you often.*